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1. BELOW IS GUIDANCE ON RWANDA AND LESOTHO (STATEMENT AND GUIDANCE)

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2. RWANDA:

Q. WHAT IS THE CURRENT SITUATION IN RWANDA? IS THERE A CEASE FIRE IN PLACE?

A. -- THERE ARE NO U.S. GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES IN RWANDA AND THE EMBASSY REMAINS UNSTAFFED. WITHOUT A U.S. GOVERNMENT PRESENCE ON THE GROUND IN RWANDA WE CANNOT OBTAIN FIRST-HAND REPORTS ON THE SITUATION.

-- PRESS AND OTHER SECOND-HAND REPORTS INDICATE THAT THERE IS HEAVY FIGHTING IN KIGALI BETWEEN GOVERNMENT FORCES AND THE RPF. THERE ARE UNCONFIRMED REPORTS THAT UNAMIR FORCES ARE ALSO UNDER FIRE.

-- FIGHTING AND VIOLENCE ARE ALSO REPORTED IN OTHER AREAS OF THE COUNTRY.

-- THERE IS NO CEASE FIRE IN PLACE. HOWEVER, THERE ARE REPORTS THAT THE TWO SIDES HAVE AGREED TO INDIRECT TALKS.

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Q. WHAT IS THE STATUS OF UNAMIR?

A -- UNAMIR FORCE COMMANDER GENERAL DALLAIRE AND UN SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE BOOH BOOH CONTINUE ATTEMPTS TO RE-START A DIALOGUE AMONG ALL THE PARTIES. UNAMIR HAS ASSISTED EFFORTS TO EVACUATE CIVILIANS.

-- THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL IS MEETING AGAIN TODAY TO
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DISCUSS THE SITUATION IN RWANDA AND THE ROLE OF THE UN.

Q. ARE ALL THE JOURNALISTS WHO WANTED TO BE EVACUATED NOW OUT?

A -- THE SEVEN U.S. JOURNALISTS ARRIVED SAFELY IN NAIROBI LAST NIGHT ON A BELGIAN EVACUATION FLIGHT FROM KIGALI.

Q. HAS THE ICRC SUSPENDED OPERATIONS IN RWANDA?

A. -- WE UNDERSTAND THAT DUE TO ITS SECURITY CONCERNS, THE ICRC WAS TEMPORARILY FORCED TO SUSPEND FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS AND COLLECTION OF THE WOUNDED FOR MEDICAL CARE. THEY HOPE TO RESUME THEIR OPERATIONS SOON.

3. LESOTHO - STATEMENT

STATEMENT BY MICHAEL MCCURRY, SPOKESMAN

LESOTHO KILLING OF DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER

WE DEPLORE THE VIOLENCE THAT TOOK THE LIFE OF THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER OF LESOTHO ON APRIL 14, AND CONDEMN THE USE OF VIOLENCE AND LAWLESSNESS TO PURSUE POLITICAL GAINS. THE PRESERVATION OF DEMOCRACY IS A FUNDAMENTAL CONCERN OF U.S. FOREIGN POLICY. WE URGE ALL PARTIES IN LESOTHO TO REDEDICATE THEMSELVES TO THE SUPPORT OF LESOTHO'S DEMOCRATICALLY ELECTED GOVERNMENT. ANY MOVE TO UNSEAT THIS GOVERNMENT UNLAWFULLY WOULD CALL INTO QUESTION THE

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ENTIRE RANGE OF OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS.

4. LESOTHO GUIDANCE:

Q: WHAT IS THE SITUATION IN LESOTHO?

A: -- WE DEPLORE THE VIOLENCE THAT TOOK THE LIFE OF THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER ON APRIL 14. ACCORDING TO CONFIRMED REPORTS, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER SELOMETSI BAHOLO WAS SHOT AND KILLED AS MEMBERS OF A REBELLIOUS ARMY FACTION ATTEMPTED TO TAKE HIM INTO CUSTODY. FOUR OTHER MINISTERS WERE DETAINED AND RELEASED LATE ON APRIL 14. A SIXTH MINISTER WHO WAS SOUGHT BY THE SAME ARMY FACTION TOOK REFUGE IN THE U.S. EMBASSY BUT HAS SINCE LEFT THE CHANCERY.

-- OUR EMBASSY REPORTS THAT MASERU REMAINED CALM DURING THE NIGHT OF APRIL 14-15, AND THAT ALL AMERICAN CITIZENS ARE SAFE.

Q: WHAT IS THE U.S. PRESENCE IN LESOTHO?

A: -- OUR EMBASSY IN MASERU HAS BEEN HEADED BY CHARGE KARL HOFMANN SINCE THE DEPARTURE OF AMBASSADOR LEONARD SPEARMAN IN MAY, 1993. IN FY93, THE U.S. PROVIDED ALMOST 13.5 MILLION DOLLARS IN ASSISTANCE, WITH AN EMPHASIS ON PROJECTS CONCERNED WITH HUMAN RIGHTS, EDUCATION, AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT. THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 300 AMERICANS RESIDENT IN LESOTHO, INCLUDING ABOUT 100 IN

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MASERU. OF THE AMERICANS IN LESOTHO, APPROXIMATELY 175 ARE U.S. GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES AND DEPENDENTS, INCLUDING 120 PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS.

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